

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. This amendment after final rejection strictly cancels claims and complies with requirements of form set forth in the April 12, 2005 Office Action. Claims 1-36 were originally in the application.

Rejected Claims Cancelled

In numbered paragraph 3 of the Office Action mailed April 12, 2005, claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-26, and 28-35 were rejected. Claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-26, and 28-35 have been cancelled by this amendment.

Complying with Requirements of Form

In numbered paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed April 12, 2005, claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

SUMMARY

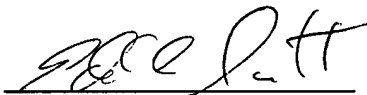
37 CFR 1.116 (b) provides, "After final action or other final action ... amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action."

Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-26, and 28-35.

Applicants have amended claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 to appear in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as required in the Office Action mailed April 12, 2005.

This amendment after final rejection complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.116 (b) and strictly cancels claims and complies with requirements of form set forth in the April 12, 2005 Office Action. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered and that the application be passed to issue. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (925) 424-6897.

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